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In a LETTER, *&c.*

SIR,

I Received your Letter, with your Deſire to know what particular Specifick I had obſerved the *Indians* make moſt uſe of againſt Worms; and I muſt freely tell you, that I

 have

have often ſeen them give the *Mexico Seeds*, which powerfully expels them in Men, Women, and Children. The Seeds look like an Inſect, or ſort of flat Worm it ſelf, and is ſpotted like a Leopard; it is a ſort of a *Palma Chriſti*, it reſiſts the Putrefaction of Humours, and Purgeth the Stomach and Bowels, and drives out all ſorts of Verminous Matter by Siege, which cauſe gnawing Pains in the Body.

The Deaths of more People is owing to Worms than is generally ſuppoſed, for they cauſe Vomiting, Looſneſs, Feavors, and what not.

I ſaw an *Indian* Doctor give a Medicine made with theſe Seeds, which expell'd forty Worms at one time.

Many famous Phyſitians have of late Years in their Obſervations taken Notice, that in moſt Diſtempers, eſpecially Putrid and Malignant Feavors, there hath very much of Worms been a Cauſe, which hath made them prove more difficult to Cure, and generally mo

more Mortal; and a Curious Phyſitian tells the World, that with the help of Microſcopes he had diſcerned in his Patients Blood, and ſometimes in their Urine, many Animated Vermicles, and until he hath applyed himſelf to the uſe of Worm-matick Medicines, could perform no Cures; but upon the uſe of Medicines againſt Worms, he quickly perceived an Abatement of all Feavouriſh Symptons.

I knew a young Gentlewoman who had a great Pain in her Head, much Sickneſs at her Stomach, a very pale Countenance, want of Appetite, and a continual Feavouriſh Heat, and ſometimes a Chillneſs in her Back, and a great Faintneſs. Many Means I applyed to mend her Blood, to cleanſe her Stomach, and to alter the Habit of her Body, but all in vain; at length I gave her this Medicine in a Decoction of Bitter Herbs, about twenty Drops at a time every New and Full Moon; ſhe ſometimes took it in good Mum, and now and then in Milk, with Lavender Cotton boiled in it, ſhe voided many Worms, and wonderfully recover'd.

A Maid Servant who had a gnawing Pain in her Stomach and Bowels, especially being Hungry, a dry Cough, a Loathing, and sometimes Vomiting and Looseness, a Symptomatical Feavor; and Sleep often disturbed with horrible Dreams, starting and gnashing of Teeth: But notwithstanding all these formidable Symptoms, I gave her the Tincture of these Seeds, and ordered her to take them in Wormwood-Wine, and she was restored to a perfect State of Health.

Many young Children have been destroyed by Worms, because they would not take bitter unpleasant Medicines; but this being given only in Drops, and insensibly conveyed into their ordinary Drink, hath proved very successful towards the Preservation of their Lives, especially when Clysters have been administer'd made with Alloes and Wormseeds boiled in Ale, and the Belly anointed with Oyl of Worms.

I knew a young Gentlewoman, who complaining

plaining very much of a great Pain in her Stomach, eſpecially when ſhe had at any time faſted, ſhe dying very ſuddenly, her Brother (who was a Phyſitian) cauſed her Body to be opened, and to the great Wonder of the Spectators the Worms crawled about in a ſtrange manner, which gave abundant ſatisfaction as to the Cauſe of her Death.

If this Medicine had been known ſooner, the Lives of thouſands might have been ſaved who made up the Numbers in your Yearly Bills of Mortality at *London*.

FINIS.